

## **REMARKS**

Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner.

Upon entry of the instant Amendment, Claims 29-33 and 36 will be all of the claims presently pending before the Examiner. Instantly, Claims 29-33 are amended and Claim 36 is newly added. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the present amendments. Support for the amendments can be found generally throughout the Applicants' disclosure. It should also be noted that this Amendment is not in acquiescence of the Office's position on the allowability of the claims but made merely to expedite prosecution.

The Office is, therefore, respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections presented in the outstanding Office Action in light of the following remarks.

### **I. Claim Rejections**

#### **A. 35 U.S.C. 103(a).**

Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 11-15, 18, and 25-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over IDA et al 3769060 in view of HENNEN et al 3837988, SUH et al. 6117440 and BARAZAN WO 02/35930 A2.

The Examiner kindly notes a modified combination of Claims 29 and Claim 32 would likely overcome the art rejections (Final Office Action, Page 4).

Instantly, Claim 29 has been combined with Claim 32 and modified so as to include, *inter alia*, the ratio of components along with their concentrations as part of a process of applying the same to carpet.

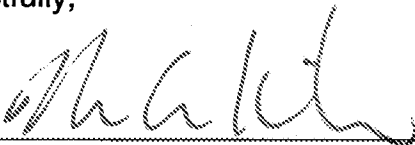
In light of the present shortcomings of the cited art, which fail to teach or suggest all the presently claimed limitations, it is respectfully requested that the obviousness rejections now be withdrawn.

## **II. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 29-33 and 36 are fully distinguishable over the applied art and are thus in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is earnestly solicited. If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including any fees for an extension of time or those under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, which may be required by this paper, and/or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2527.

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